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REPLY TO LACK OF UNITY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 2/16/11, Applicants hereby **elect with traverse Group I**, Claims 1, 6-13, and 24, drawn to a method of preventing HIV infection by administering a vaccinia virus.

This 35 USC § 371 application is subject to the unity of invention standard pursuant to 35 USC §§ 121 and 372. The examiner has asserted a lack of unity.

The following groups have been identified in the application:

Group I, Claims 1, 6-13, and 24 drawn to a method of preventing HIV infection by administering a vaccinia virus.

Group II, Claims 42 and 43, drawn to a method of making a vaccinia composition.

The 11 claims in the application involve subject matter sharing a special technical feature, namely vaccinia virus composition embodiments. See, e.g., Specification, Claims and Abstract. The vaccinia virus composition embodiments exemplify a technical relationship